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Believing Is The Key

Life in our modern, competitive society is complex to say the least. It is easy to have confused goals, principles and motives. Even in the Church we see much instability of faith and conviction which is brought about by the busy and frustrated lives we are forced to live.

I believe there is an answer to this. It begins when a man can, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, outline for himself a *few simple* rules to live by. They must be few. Too many codes for life bog down in length and detail. They must be simple. We are seeking to get out of the whirl of complexity. And certainly they must be basic to all our dealings in life. A digest of scriptural truth gives us this.

Probably the most important thing, after we have drafted our list of principles, is to *really* believe and follow them. Believing is the key. When a Christian gets a hold of one simple truth and is so impressed with it that it becomes a conviction of his very spirit and soul, then, in this singleness of purpose, does he rise above the fog shrouded way of life.

The Apostle Paul believed many things, but I feel there were some of his beliefs which virtually consumed his life. When he spoke the words, "That I may know Him," he also said many other things about knowing Christ. But the one simple and basic "rule" was to know Christ.

How wonderful it would be if we could take all our high-sounding philosophies and give them a good treatment of prayer and a strong dosage of Bible, and have them come out to be simple truths that we could believe in with all our hearts. We could see our problems clearer and solve them easier if we had a great amount of holy conviction behind a few ideas, rather than a little conviction on a great number of ideas.

May the Lord help us to see what we should believe in with all our hearts.

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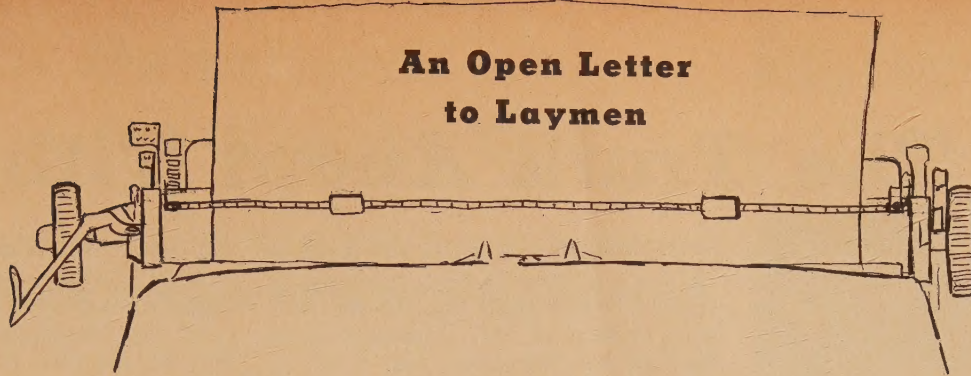
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by "THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE"

Herein a Veteran Pastor Offers Helpful Hints to Church Members

DEAR LAYMAN:

Since it has been my sad experience to know a few church members who were in the habit of having "roast preacher" for dinner every Sunday, may I offer some suggested ways in which you can help, rather than hinder your own pastor toward having a better ministry in the future. Unwarranted criticism does more harm than good.

First of all, remember that no two pastors are alike. Therefore, one should not be censured because he doesn't do things in the same manner as his predecessor. A step-mother doesn't relish being constantly reminded of the mother before her; she isn't trying to take her place but rather is trying to find her own place in the home. So God sends some ministers to plant, some to water, others to reap, and each has a definite ministry for a definite time. No progress will ever be made in a church unless the past is forgotten in the goal toward which we press for the good of the cause as a whole.

Take every opportunity to show your pastor that you love him, by the giving of occasional food showers and little remembrances on such events as his birthday, Christmas, etc. Remember that he is continually burdened down with your cares. Satan often slips in and tries to divide the sheep through means of contention, since he knows that "a house divided against itself cannot stand." This situation your pastor must cope with, as well as disagreements with his board members concerning the progress of the work, of which you possibly know nothing. Since God's Word promises that "the husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits" (2 Tim. 2:6), your pastor must, at one time or another, experience the different testings that you will experience,

in order that he will be able to succor you when such occasions arise. But all this he can do, and does willingly, if he knows his people love him. Remember, you are to go to him with your troubles, but he is not to go to you, although often when his heart is breaking he is tempted to seek your sympathy and understanding, except that protocol forbids it.

Your pastor should be the guest at all church functions, since he is the shepherd of the flock. He should be assured that, as a guest, he is not to bring anything nor is he to serve in any way, except in his capacity as a minister. His needs should be taken care of first, unless there is an outside guest present, at which time your pastor would take second place. The Revelation of St. John refers to your pastor as an "angel of the church" (2:1; 2:8; 2:18, etc.) If you will reverence him as God does, you will find His blessing resting upon you. Too many church members take their pastors for granted, only truly appreciating them after they are gone. If your pastor is capably ministering to the flock, and has the interest of the church at heart, show your love and appreciation for his labors by your cooperation and prayers, and you will keep him a lot longer.

If your pastor has children, avoid judging them too harshly. Remember that *they* never chose the ministry; it was not part of *their* consecration. As "preacher's kids," they don't have an opportunity to live a normal life. They are set apart in school and elsewhere because of their family relationship. Rather than criticized, they should be encouraged in the same manner you encourage other young people in the church whom you would not want to see drop out of fellowship. Do not feel that they will attend church regardless of whatever treatment they

might receive from you, simply because they are forced to attend by their parents. This may be true up to a point, but many a preacher's boy or girl today is away from God and impervious to the gospel as a result of the same unsympathetic and perhaps harsh treatment that was accorded their parents but, since they were not rooted and grounded in the Lord as were their mother and father, it affected them more deeply.


If *your* children have tests and temptations, your pastor's children have more. If Satan can cause them to fall, their defeat will affect many more lives than that of your children. That is why they require more than average prayer, understanding and assistance.

Encourage your pastor often by telling him (truthfully, of course) that his message has been of help to you. Many times, after he has "preached his heart out," he is discouraged, feeling the sermon was a failure; and since Satan is the "accuser of the brethren," he comes along and *assures* him it was. If you, then, tell him you received something from the message, it will do more for him in that moment than anything else.

During church services, sit in the middle section, without always having to be asked. If the front seats are not already filled when you arrive, occupy them first. This will give the appearance of there being a good attendance, congregational singing will sound better, everyone will derive more from the meeting due to the closer fellowship, and it will be easier for your pastor to deliver the message that God has laid upon his heart. Visitors will enjoy in a greater measure worshipping with you because of this condition.

If your pastor commits an error, in-

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The Truth About Tithing

THE practice of giving one tenth of one's income to God is known as "tithing." The Lord has honored this holy custom of His followers down through the centuries, and it is far more important than we often realize. I believe in tithing because the tithe is:

1. *A Scriptural principle.* It is not a human device for meeting the financial needs of the church. The Bible says, "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord" (Leviticus 27:32). Jesus approved this principle when He said to the Pharisees, "Ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin . . . these ought ye to have done" (Matthew 23:23). The apostle Paul approved the principle of tithing for New Testament believers.

2. *A Biblical minimum.* It does not limit my giving, for it prescribes a basis and not a maximum. It places no ceiling upon gifts to the Master, but helps me to open the door to a genuine stewardship. Here is stewardship taking its "first steps."

3. *A Christian witness.* Just as faithful attendance at the house of God is a witness before the community of my belief in the church, so the consistent giving of the tithe is a testimonial of my constant and abiding faith in Jesus Christ.

4. *An acknowledgement of divine ownership.* Thereby do I acknowledge that I am not owner, but debtor and trustee. God is inalienably Owner of all, and I am undeniably the steward over my human estate. Tithing is an acknowledgement that God is Owner of all, just as paying rent is an indication of the ownership of another.

5. *A token of consecration.* It is my indication that I have surrendered all and made Him Lord of my life. All of my life's resources I have laid at His feet. The tithe is an evidence that I have ceased to be a patron and have become a partner.

6. *A symbol of devotion.* I tithe not legally but lovingly. My tithing is not due to an external or legal pressure, but because of an inner compulsion of love and devotion. Love always gives. It is as natural for the person who loves Christ supremely to give as it is for the sun to shine.

7. *A starting point for giving.* It is

the place of beginnings, and the weldge which opens the door to larger giving—the "and offerings" beyond the one-tenth. It prepares the way for the rich gifts of Mary's alabaster box of pure spikenard and the widow's mite.

8. *An expression of gratitude.* I cannot live a successful Christian life without gratitude. Tithing and generous giving offer expression to this basic grace of the Christian life. The tithe is one of the many ways of expressing my thanks to God for all His goodness to me.

9. *An adventure in blessing.* It was Malachi who gave voice to that inspiring challenge, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

10. *An aid to world evangelization.* The tithe gives a consistency to my support of the Christian conquest. It is faithfulness in stewardship and regularity in proportionate giving that will do the most in the support of the program of world missions. Tithing is vital to the progress of the Gospel. Upon all Christians, therefore, should come a sense of the urgency of giving of their substance to the Lord. In the light of Calvary's sacrifice, would we dare to do less than this?—*The Flame*.

An Anecdote

"CAN I put some money in this bank?" A 15-year-old boy in faded clothing stood before the teller's window of the bank in the little town of Barwick, Georgia. His suit, badly worn, and his general appearance marked him as a tenant-farmer's son. Three layers of pasteboard thrust inside his ragged shoes kept his feet off the stone floor.

"How much do you want to put in, John?" the banker asked.

"Four dollars," the boy answered.

"How do you want the account made out?" The man's voice was kindly, for he knew the boy as one of

Twelve Definitions of a Token Gift

**MORE THAN 90% OF OUR CHURCH FAMILIES
ARE MAKING ONLY TOKEN GIFTS TO THEIR CHURCHES**

1. A token gift is one which represents less than \$1 per week for every \$1000 of annual income of the giving family — this is less than one-half the tithe.

2. A token gift is not made "token" by just the size of the gift but by comparison to the financial ability of the giver to give — by the need of the giver to give.

3. A token gift is not just one that is small in amount. It is even more likely that the family with the greater giving ability is making a token gift in an amount that may seem large when compared to some real gifts.

4. A token gift is not a gift because "to give" is defined as "to bestow freely without return." Therefore, a contribution to a church which is only large enough to cover the giver's proportionate share of the church expenses (for services received and facilities used) is not a gift but only a payment — like dues to a club.

5. A token gift is like a zero. It can be increased by a percentage, or even multiplied a number of times, and it will continue to be only a token gift.

6. A token gift is obviously an excuse for not making a real gift and it robs the giver of the positive acceptance of Christian responsibility and the pleasures that go with real giving. People enjoy doing those things which they do well.

7. A token gift is not strong enough to pull more than equally token interests — in the giver's own spiritual life. Christ said "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." He put treasure

first, with the degree of interest dependent upon the proportion of the treasure as explained in the parable about the widow's mite.

8. A token gift cannot be considered as a positive spiritual action, therefore it must carry with it either a neutral or a negative spiritual reaction. When confronted with a requirement for action, a token giver cannot be expected to take a positive action.

9. A token gift is worse than no gift because:

A. it tempts others to make token gifts to the church.

B. it helps the church enough (only financially) to conceal the requirement for better than token gifts from others.

C. it soothes the conscience of the giver.

D. it avoids, or at least postpones the day of decision for, true Christian action.

10. A token gift is a sin because the family which is not giving as much as it needs to give to its church obviously is worshipping its dollars more than it is worshipping the Lord, and therefore is breaking the first and the most important of the Ten Commandments.

11. A token gift is a form of spiritual suicide which can involve the innocent giver who is not properly led and guided in spiritual dollar giving by the responsible leaders of the church.

12. A token gift is indicative of a bad habit of giving. People must be taught how to overcome bad habits — but they instinctively resist and resent being taught. Christ was a teacher and they crucified Him.

\$1 spent for a lunch lasts five hours.
\$1 spent for a necktie lasts five weeks.
\$1 spent for an automobile lasts five years.
\$1 spent for a waterpower or

railroad grade lasts for five generations.
\$1 spent in the service of God lasts for eternity.

— Roger W. Babson

... and Company "

the regulars over at the Methodist Sunday school.

"John W. Yates and Company," he answered gravely.

The banker peered through the grating with a quizzical look on his face. "Who's the Company?" he queried.

"God," the boy replied very solemnly. "I got my first month's pay today, and I'm starting my tithe account. This is God's money."

The life story of John Yates reads like that of a Horatio Alger hero. bookkeeper, bank teller, cashier, army quartermaster whose checks for \$10,000,000 were honored, insurance salesman, and finally general agent with a

national reputation, this man has been described by two pastors of great churches as "one of the most valuable laymen in Methodism."

His mother, Lillie Yates, out of deep poverty and struggle, devoted a tenth of all income to the Lord. Lillie Yates' old tithing account book lies in the lower drawer of her son's big walnut desk alongside of his New Testament. He has shown it to tens of thousands of people in audiences before whom he has preached the doctrine of stewardship. He says, "That book might not have the approval of a big-wig C.P.A., but I am sure our heavenly Father calls it mighty good bookkeeping."—*Herald of Light*.

SHOULD I TITHE ?

To tithe or not to tithe—that is what multitudes of church people think. In answering this perplexing question, it might help to state the fact that almost all Protestant communions believe in and teach tithing.

It is not promoted as a legalistic requirement or as a money scheme. It is recognized as a systematic, proportionate principle which enriches the spiritual life of all who readily accept it as a principle of discharging their obligations to God.

No major Protestant group makes tithing a requirement for membership. Rather, it is taught as a principle of religious devotion, a sensible way of thanking God for His physical and spiritual blessings. Tithing is not to be looked upon as a despised tax to be avoided if possible, or paid reluctantly. Tithing is recognition of a partnership between God and man. It is a glorious privilege of cooperating with the Infinite in beating down the evil and establishing righteousness in the earth. Tithing is not a lever with which we exact answers to prayer from a God reluctant to give. It is a means by which we throw our might on the side of right. It is a vote for godliness and truth.

Tithing is no substitute for stewardship of life, time, talent, possessions. The whole life must be invested in a holy crusade for Christ. A self-loving sinner may tithe from mercenary reasons, but he does not accept the stewardship of life for Christ.

Tithing is a sensible portion set apart for Christ. It is substituting order for frenzy. It is accepting the divine partnership for life and possessions.

Tithing teaches that there are some values in life worth striving for that do not fluctuate with the price of steel.

Tithing seems to be about as old as the race, and about as widely recognized as man's obligation to the God he worships.

A tithing pledge made prayerfully and maintained inviolate is a means of deep spiritual blessing, a source of genuine pleasure when life's riches are properly evaluated.—*Oliver G. Wilson,*

in Wesleyan Methodist



GALT —

Evangelist Leonard Miller of Watsonville held a meeting for Pastor Carroll Hollaway during the latter part of April. Seven came for salvation and seven received the Holy Spirit. The Galt Sunday School has increased and recently 20 new members were added to the church.

HOLLISTER —

Ralph M. Riggs was guest speaker for Pastor Pike Robinson May 21.

LA FAYETTE —

R. A. Wilson was guest speaker June 25 for Pastor Glen Lambert.

LODI —

Pastor and Mrs. Gene Forrest attended the World Pentecostal Conference in Jerusalem following a tour in Europe. A number of their church financed the trip for Sister Forrest and her passport and two visas were processed in a week's time. Filling the pulpit during their absence were Claude O. Wood, Hal Hermon, Ted Silva and Edwin Kidroske.

LOYALTON —

Pastor Bradford Wilmoth recommends Evangelist John Jacobs from the Arizona District. He recently held a meeting in Loyalton. Several were saved and three received the

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BETHANY PARK —

Gunnar Sondeno, Men's Fellowship president, spoke at Craig Chapel and showed slides of his trip to Central America recently. L. T. Holderoft is pastor.

CERES —

Glad Tidings enjoyed a successful revival in April with Evangelist J. L. Jeffrey. Some were saved and two received the Holy Spirit. There was a real stir among the young people. Dan Robinson is pastor.

CHOWCHILLA —

First Assembly had a three-weeks meeting with Evangelist Don Martin of Arlington, Texas, recently. Many were healed, including hearing restored after 50 years of deafness. Floyd Baker is pastor.

CUPERTINO —

Pastor H. R. Baker reports recently several people have testified to marvelous healings. Missionaries for their first annual "Global Conquest Convention" were the Dillinghams, Garlocks and Stewarts.

DAVENPORT —

Dedication services were held May 29 with speakers Fred Greve and Raymond Murray. Arbert G. Pool is pastor.

DIXON —

A sectional Fellowship Meeting was held May 15 with Pastor Paul Trulin and Dr. Henry Ness speakers. The pastor is Albert Schoonover.

DOS PALOS —

Pastor Walter Moody reports an evangelistic meeting with Dorothy Foster which closed May 14. Eight teen-agers received the Holy Spirit, a number were reclaimed and the church was blessed. A monthly fellowship service held in Dos Palos with three churches cooperating heard Pastor Philip Stewart of Chowchilla in April.

ESCALON —

Pastor Leland R. Keys was guest speaker for the C. A. Rally, May 8. After the message, "When the Spirit Came," the altars were filled with those seeking the Holy Spirit. Mel Steward is pastor.

FALLON, NEV. —

Four weeks of revival have been concluded with Evangelist Earl L. Henderson of Oroville. It was an outstanding revival of prayer with men coming to pray between 6:00 and as late as 7:30 a.m. The ladies came at 9:00 and often prayed until noon. After the services at night, prayer sometimes continued until after midnight. The revival spirit continues. R. O. Shamp is pastor.

FORTUNA —

Pastor Sam Sanders reports Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Rogers recently conducted a three-weeks meeting. The church was greatly blessed and encouraged by their ministry. A number of decisions were made for Christ including several teen-agers. Two received the Holy Spirit. The Rogers are continuing to minister in the Redwood Section and proving a blessing.

Twentieth Century Macedonian Call

by Floyd Thomas as told by Nick Tounger

Upon entering the country of Greece, the Apostle Paul found on all sides a great spiritual hunger. In Athens among the altars to their gods, he found an altar to "an unknown god" and marveled at their intense desire to know the Lord.

After two thousand years, we find this same spiritual yearning, this same longing for the Word of God. We have found the Greek people all over the world to be possessed by this same quest. From our experience in this country, during our long ministry among our countrymen, we have been confronted by this outreach for God. It has been this great need that impels us to bring them the gospel—the only power for the salvation of sinners.

Even as in apostolic days, wherever our missionaries and national workers preach the same good news that Paul preached, scores of people show their desire to follow our Lord. The failure to establish churches and schools in Greece is not the lack of interest, but the lack of funds.

In the last 30 to 40 years the Greeks have been responding to the Evangelical appeal. And more recently, they have been responding in a wonderful

way to the Pentecostal message,

This is the testimony of a well-known Pentecostal leader who recently sojourned in Greece, calling upon persons in government, businessmen and professional men. He was amazed at the eager response to the full gospel. If protocol would permit us to mention one most highly-placed individual in the Greek government, and tell you of the anxious longing expressed for the fulness of the Spirit, you would be rejoicing, but might find it difficult to believe with what openness of heart the message of Pentecost was received.

Some time before, we had the privilege to meet the head of the Greek nation. Our conversation was so cordial it made me feel that I was in the circle of the born again (actually, in the Greek, "born-from-above") Pentecostal brethren.

During a recent trip throughout the United States, Sister Mary Orphan Metaxatos related stories that made one feel he was living back in the time of St. Paul during his missionary journeys. It is commonplace for people to walk six or seven miles to

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Lines to a Cynic

By Janie M. J. Stokely

You cannot force to the parched sod
One little rain-drop . . . nor give life
to the broken stem of one glossy leaf;
Yet you dare to say, "There is no God."
You cannot bid the sun stand still,
You cannot command one little star
No longer to twinkle . . .
yet you question
One who can do these things at will!



Orchids to Everyone!

Of course Extension Day is especially set aside to present your guests of honor—the folks to whom your extension department ministers. But it can be more, much more. The extension ministry is largely hidden from the church. By honoring not only your guests but your extension workers as well, your entire congregation will have a new appreciation and burden for this outreach ministry of your Sunday school. (Complete suggestions for Extension Day may be found in the July "Sunday School Counselor.")

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Assemblies of God Lays Plans for Sunday School Enlargement

THE Assemblies of God churches throughout America have set aside October for Enlargement Month with the theme, "Bring Them In." Very appropriate to the main theme are the sub-themes for each Sunday of the month. October 1—men; October 8th—women; October 15th—youth; October 22nd—children; and then the last Sunday, October 29th will be family Sunday when an extra special effort will be made to get the entire family out to Sunday school.

During this enlargement campaign there should be two primary objectives to keep in mind. They are: 1. Present Christ to our visitors when they make that first time visit. (1 Cor. 14:40). Everyone should be spirit-

ually alert to the part they may play in the leading of some searching soul to Christ. Everyone should gear themselves to act as individual hosts, being sure that all newcomers are made welcome. This is important for staff members and teachers as well as the one who acts as usher. Impressions of your church are made by the very first contacts a visitor may have with your church.

2. Keep a record of all visitors during enlargement month. This is of utmost importance in the follow-up work after or during the campaign. The value of the enlargement campaign will prove successful only if it is used as a tool to gain new contacts in the community for your church and for Christ.

Lincoln Observes Cradle Roll Day



At the left, Mrs. Carl Oney is seen holding her daughter, Pamela Dawn. She is standing in the large baby book. Mrs. Stella Gosset (right), Cradle Roll Superintendent, also has her picture taken.



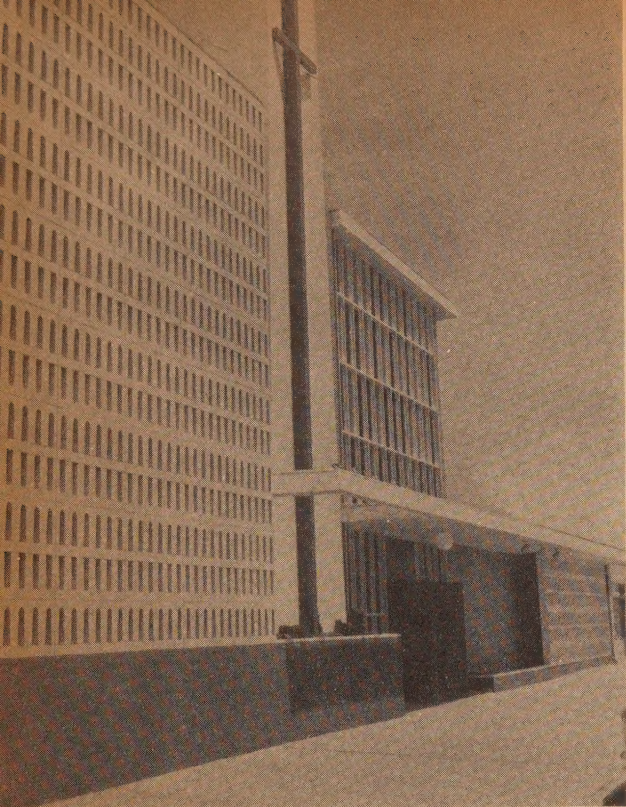
The Lincoln Full Gospel Church had a large attendance in Sunday School to observe their first Cradle Roll, Sunday, March 12.

A special award was given to each mother and a colored slide was taken of each mother and her baby. There were 23 babies in all.

Following the suggestion offered in

the *Sunday School Counselor*, a large plywood book front was used as the frame for the pictures. On the book were the appropriate words, "Our Baby Book." Over 40 babies are enrolled on the cradle roll. Pastor Carl Oney states that, "The Cradle Roll Department is the greatest avenue of growth to the Sunday School."

Calvary Temple, Oakland Dedicates Building



CALVARY TEMPLE, OAKLAND

On Sunday, June 25, Pastor Oliver Foth and the congregation of Calvary Temple in Oakland dedicated the first phase of their building program to the Lord. The first phase is an entire new educational unit and the complete rebuilding of the front of the old structure.

The educational unit houses the Sunday School office, pastor's office, assistant pastor's office, combination C. A. and social hall and much needed Sunday school space. The new front runs the full length of the property on East 14th Street.

Rev. Robert Carrington, pastor of Bethel Temple in Turlock, brought the message of dedication in the after-

PERSONAL MENTION

DEARLE TOLLADAY is still in Empalme, Mexico, doing work among the Broceros (manuel laborers) who come from all over Mexico and are waiting there to come to the U.S. for farm work. He and MIKE HINES have built a mission for \$800 which seats 450. In their nightly services they have an average of 300 men attend with about ten saved each night. They are not under appointment and depend on personal offerings for their support.

In a recent letter from BENJAMIN KUMMERFELD in Schulstr, Germany, he tells of Chaplain JULES BALLAS who is stationed in Ger-



Jules Ballas & Benjamin Kummerfeld

many, paying him a visit. The Ballas family recently adopted a little boy they have named Jules Albert. Bro. Kummerfeld still has the Evangelic Center in Berlin. ALBERT LEBECK, RICHARD FULMER and EMIL BALLIET were with him on their way to the conference in Jerusalem.

ZELMA ARGUE is returning to California after five or six months of ministry in the East. She held "Weeks of Prayer" in Quebec, Ontario, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Everywhere God moved.

PASTOR CLYDE HENSON of Sacramento has accepted three major speaking engagements this summer. The final speaker at General Council held in Portland in August, Camp evangelist in June at Mt. Lassen and in the New Mexico District Camp in Mountainair in July.

EVANGELIST J. L. JEFFREY is open for week-end meetings or revivals. Recently he conducted services in Patterson, Waterford, Ceres, Riverbank and Yuma, Arizona.

CHAPLAIN JOHN LINDVALL ministered at the College and Career Retreat for the North Texas District at the newly purchased Bedford Ranch. He stated it was heartening to work with the keen minded and thinking young people.

PASTOR WESLEY STEELBERG of North Hollywood reports the Squire Evangelistic Party were recent guests.

EVERETT A. WILSON of Bethany Bible College spent June doing research in various missionary libraries across the country. He attended the



Pastor and Mrs. Oliver Foth

noon service. The dedication itself was conducted by Rev. Ruben Wilson, assistant superintendent, and the dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Jack R. Edgar, secretary-treasurer. There were a number of guests on the program.

Rev. and Mrs. Foth have ministered in Oakland for 14 years. The church was started in 1928.

Missionary Orientation School in Springfield. The project was particularly on behalf of his ministry as Chairman of the Mission Department at B.B.C.

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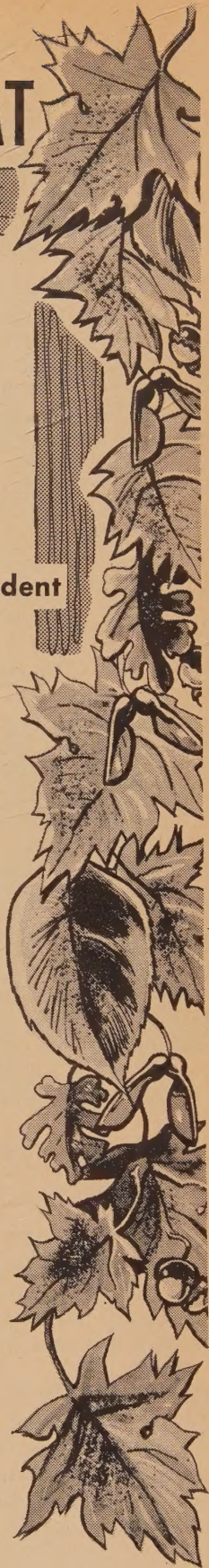
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Missionaries

At Home

THE OVID DILLINGHAMS, H. B. GARLOCKS AND JAMES STEWARTS were busy in June with a round of speaking engagements.

JOHN AND DAISY KENNEDY ministered in Oregon in June.

THE ARTHUR LINDVALLS of Central America were expected home at press time.

PAUL AND VIOLET PIPKIN with Sylvia, Connie and Joyce Carol left in June to tour the East in missionary meetings. Paul taught two classes at the School of Missions in Springfield on June 23.

HELEN RYE from Jamaica was speaker for the Missionette Retreat held at Sunshine Camp near Concord in June.

THE BERNARD JOHNSON family has been ministering in the east recently.

THE IRA VAN HOUTENS continue their ministry in New Mexico. Some show good spiritual growth. Appreciation is expressed for gifts received from the W.M.C.

We know too many things that are not true.

LEROY AND ELAINE ATWOOD and Albert Daniels write of continued revival in Uruguay. A permit has been given to dispense literature. With \$50 they bought 20,000 gospels. Top tracts, a bulletin and a gospel are secured with a rubber band and given to all requesting them. A bus driver stopped to ask for one, and a lady waited in the bus station for them to go for more bundles. Results are most encouraging.

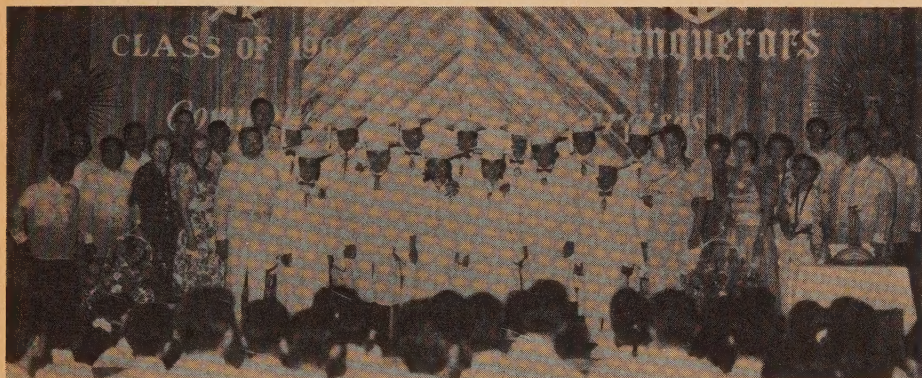
JAMES AND MARJORIE BAKER are pastoring in Tainan, Formosa, after many years of Bible school work in America, West China, Hong Kong and Formosa. A branch work has also

ELEANOR M. JOHNSON, former pastor in Berkeley, who joined the faculty of Emmanuel in January, is proving a great blessing to the school. Pray for additional support for students in this Philippine school.

AGNES RODLI is in Barrow, Alaska, assisting the Paul Bills.

CALVIN AND OLIVE ZIESSLER finished their second school year in the Emmanuel Bible School, Feb. 27, when 13 graduated, completing a three year course. Cal attended three conferences in April.

JAMES AND RHODA VIGNA left June 7. Their son John is a student at Bethany Bible College.



1961 Graduates Of The
Emmanuel Bible School

been opened. Due to furlough this year they are planning on another year on the field to strengthen this new field.

LELAND AND SHIRLEY GOOD will have a Bolivia address after Aug. 15. Cajon 510, Cochabamba, Bolivia, South America. Belongings are already being sent south. Pray for their arrival intact.

BERNARD JOHNSON will remain in Brazil until December while Doris and the children return to the States.

Phillips Brooks has a forceful paragraph in which he says, "Do not pray for easy lives! Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle.

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Attention -

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Many hundreds of ladies attending General Council have come to look forward to the WMC breakfast as an important feature of the Council. Plans are being made to have the breakfast on Saturday morning, August 26, in the Mayfair Room of the Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon. This year special emphasis will be given to Missionettes, and all girls from 9 through 17 years of age are urged to attend the breakfast.

Mrs. Lilian Holm of Pomona, California, has been selected as the speaker. She has ministered for many years at home and more recently abroad. Mrs. Holm speaks under a rich anointing, and it will be a privilege for the WMC's and Missionettes to hear her.

Special music will be provided by a missionary family, and Missionettes of Oregon will present a feature that will challenge Missionettes and WMC's alike.

Breakfast tickets may be purchased at the WMC booth. Do not wait until the last minute to get your ticket, and be disappointed when no more are available. In recent years it has been necessary to turn away many late comers. Visit the WMC booth and pick up your ticket as early as possible.

Hat Parade at Sonora

Missionary, Mrs. Bernhard Johnson, was the recipient of clothing and household items, and an offering at the W.M.C. rally held recently in Sonora. A hat parade was also held at the rally. The hats were later sent to the Commissary. First prize in the hat parade went to Betty White of Oakdale who wore a horn of plenty hat.

Mrs. Agnes D. Bell of Delhi is the director of the Central San Joaquin Section.

O man, you were not made for time and for passing things, but for God and eternity, and to have your heart filled with God and with the things eternal. Yield yourself up fearlessly to His mighty working, and be still, and welcome Him in His gracious operation in the heart - *Terteeegen*.

Merced Mother - Daughter Tea



So heartening was the response to the Mother-Daughter Tea recently held at the First Assembly of God in Merced, it was voted on to be an annual affair. The entertainment was provided by the Missionettes and Mrs. Earl Gould was the speaker.

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Missionette information

Far East Broadcasting Company Dedicates Its New Okinawa Station

KSBU, the most powerful transmitter of the Far East Broadcasting Co. network, was dedicated in an impressive ceremony May 1 at Okuma, Okinawa. This new station operating with 100,000 watts of power at 850 kc.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES —

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Holy Spirit. Evangelist Jacobs' address is, 1544 W. 10th St., Merced.

MENLO PARK —

Pastor George Holmes reports an exchange of fellowship by the C.A.s with the San Bruno group on a Saturday night. The event is to be reciprocated.

MODESTO —

Bethel Church pastor L. B. Lewis, attended the World Pentecostal Conference in Jerusalem, returning to his pulpit May 28. Guest speakers May 21 were R. A. Wilson, Sr., and Bethany's Forerunners.

OAKLAND —

Calvary Temple enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Ron Prinzling May 21 to June 4. Dedication services were held June 25 with Pastor Robert Carrington speaker and R. A. Wilson, Sr., Jack Edgar and Presbyterian Paul Radley representing the District. Oliver Foth is pastor.

RIO DEL —

Pastor E. L. Snyder reports a great month in April with two weeks of Bible Exposition by Pastor Gerald Basser of Sacramento, followed by a campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. James Buttram of the Arkansas District. Rio Del was host to the C.A. Rally with Evangelist Rogers as speaker.

ROSEVILLE —

First Assembly heard Evangelist Willard Cantelon recently. The pastor is Robert Pirtle.

SALINAS —

Alisal Assembly dedicated their new building June 25. The morning speaker was Joseph L. Gerhart. Joe D. Wright is pastor.

SOLEDAD —

Coast Counties Fellowship Meeting heard Pastor Oral Hart of Salinas and Pastor Dale Maw of King City on May 22. John Mills is pastor.

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in the standard broadcast band brings to a total of fifteen, the number of stations operated by FEBC throughout the world.

The program was opened with the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," traditional sign-on theme of FEBC stations throughout the world, led by Robert H. Bowman, FEBC President, who served as master of ceremonies for the occasion. The invocation was given by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Edward M. Mize, Staff Chaplain, Hq. USARYIS. This was followed by a short history of KSBU given by William J. Roberts, vice-president of FEBC. In addition to other guests, Rev. Riley Kaufman, missionary from this District and program director for the new station, gave a word of greeting. Mr. Kaufman also presented the station with a beautiful clock, the gift of the program department staff in Hong Kong.

Since the station will be broadcasting entirely in Chinese languages it was though appropriate to have the main address delivered by the Rev. Andrew Ben Loo, Chairman of the Taiwan Evangelical Radio Fellowship Committee.

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An Open Letter To Laymen (Continued from Page 3)

stead of criticizing him, rather show forth the love of God and stand behind him more than ever. He is not perfect; if he were he would be in heaven. And since he is trying to please the Lord and not man, there is probably some one who will never be satisfied, no matter how well he does discharge his duties. If the people in the community find fault with his ministry, that hurts him to some degree; but what *you* do and say grieves him more, because you are his spiritual family.

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Fortify Your Faith

DESCENDING from the mountain top was a very difficult experience for 80 college and university students on Sunday, May 7, 1961,—for this had been a mountain top in a spiritual sense as well as the physical.

Emerald Cove near Bass Lake was the setting for the first college retreat incorporating all sections of the Northern California-Nevada and Southern California districts. For many weeks previous, D-CAP Steve Asmuth, and the co-sponsoring Chi Alpha Chapter at Fresno State College, under the able leadership of their president, Jackie Simmons, had worked diligently to prepare the campground and program for this weekend. Their efforts were well rewarded, as each individual returned from the retreat with revival fires kindled anew and a new and deeper discernment of spiritual values.

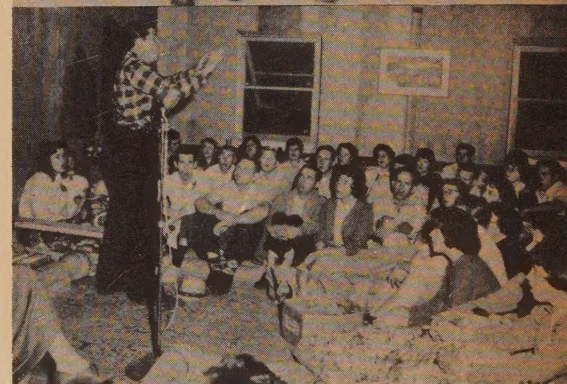
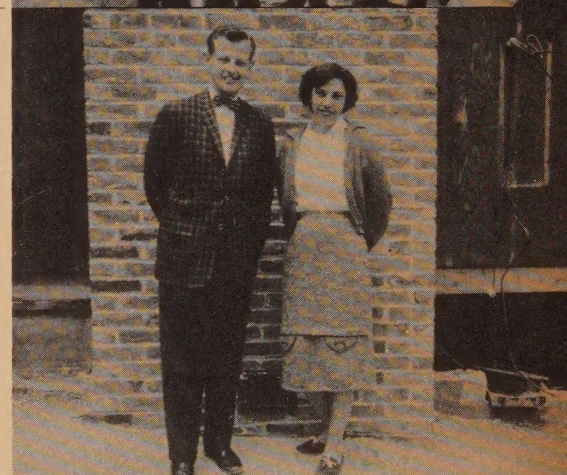
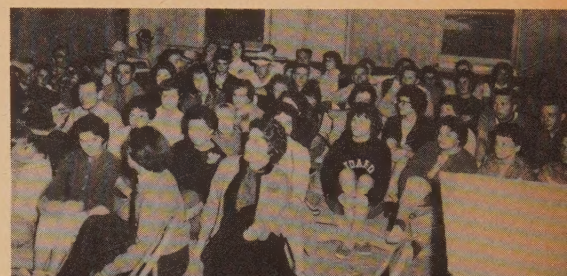
The feeling that pervaded throughout the weekend greeted each student as he arrived at the camp on May 5, feeling that gathered here together were other fellows and girls, each with similar problems, trials and cares as he; and each desiring to find a new and closer relationship with the Lord.

"Fortify Your Faith" was the theme of the retreat. Scripture portions selected for the morning study groups were Ephesians 6:10-18, and the great faith chapter, Hebrews 11. The Saturday morning service with Pastor Robert Carrington of Bethel Temple, Tur-

lock, was also an inspiration for each one to fortify his faith. Even the call to lunch was not sufficient reason for us to break away from the bond of fellowship and mutual experience that was felt as we sat around the fireplace listening to Brother Carrington tell of the recent Baptism in the Holy Spirit of persons of other faiths, both in his services and in their own prayer groups.

The Saturday evening service was another highlight, with the singing of guest soloist Joe Trucks and a stirring message by Mel Harrel, associate pastor at Full Gospel Tabernacle, Fresno. This was climaxed by a fagot service around the fireplace in which each person had the opportunity to re-consecrate his life to Christ. The Sunday morning service was highlighted by a stirring message by Steve Asmuth, challenging us as Christians to excel, with the help of God, in all fields of endeavor, including classwork.

There were, of course, other memories—a trip to the lake, a climb to the big rock, singing choruses around the fireplace, the cars that got stuck in the mud, the wonderful meals, etc. But in the final analysis, all these events were overshadowed by the feeling of a renewed faith, and a renewed determination to serve the Lord in a more effective way than ever before. And most important of all, to follow in the path that He would lead.



From top to bottom, collegians as they enjoy a casual gathering. Breakfast, and, boy, was it good. Steve Asmuth and Jackie Simmons, directors of the College Retreat. Special guest, Mel Harrel, leading the group in songs.

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NEWS FROM CHURCHES —
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SUNNYVALE —

First Assembly heard Evangelist Robert Fierro, June 4-11. The pastor is Ralph Hillegas.

TRACY —

First Assembly enjoyed a special move of God's Spirit during a revival with Evangelist Claude O. Wood. Harriest P. Wilson was guest speaker on Mother's Day. Eugene Lawrence is pastor.

TURLOCK —

Bethel Temple heard Missionary Ovid Dillingham on May 16 and Evangelists Eddie and Ruth Washington, June 13-16. The pastor is Robert Carrington.

VACAVILLE —

Mrs. Alpha Henson was speaker for the W.M.C. Rally on June 6.

VALLEJO —

First Assembly enjoyed a revival with Evangelists Eddie and Ruth Washington in June. Soloist Einer Waermo was guest on June 18. The Richerts, missionaries to New Guinea, were recent guests. Paul Trulin is pastor.

WINNEMUCCA, NEV. —

Pastor Maurice Caudill reports a recent Worker's Training Course conducted by J. W. Sandlin. Twenty certificates were issued.

WOODLAND —

Guest speakers for Pastor R. A. Wilson, Jr., while he was in Europe and the Holy Land in May were Ralph M. Riggs, A. B. Turner, Herbert Buffum and C. C. Burnett.

PALO ALTO —

Christian Center enjoyed the ministry of Jack R. Edgar on June 25 as he filled the pulpit of Pastor Wm. Pickthorn during his absence.

20th Century Macedonian
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church in snow, rain or other inclement weather. Our young people are so impelled to witness for God that at times they defy the civil laws to give their testimony.

Ninety thousand tracts were distributed last year by a blind brother in Athens to whom we pledge a little support. Because he is blind he is not prosecuted by the officials. His basic tactic is to wait on a street corner for someone to come along and help him across. As soon as they reach the other side of the street he takes out his Bible and asks the person if he would kindly be of further assistance. "I'm blind. Won't you read me some verses from this Holy Bible?" This is another way he gets to witness for the Lord. Many stories could be related, but lack of space prevents us from doing so.

It seems that the devout nature of the Greeks can be seen in many ways. Reverend Nick Tounger recently had occasion to meet a Greek sailing vessel in the port of San Francisco, together with some of his church members. They offered Bibles to the crew and officers. These were received with great appreciation and thanks. Half of the crew members (all those off duty) came to the services the next day at the Greek Assembly of God in San Francisco, and they accepted Christ. We are praying for their firm establishment in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Charalambos Tselendis, a Greek Orthodox priest who attended Brother Tounger's church accepted the good news. A few years ago, Father Petropoulou of the Holy Trinity Church in the same city came to the meeting. After the service he was so

delighted with the prevailing Spirit and the life of our Christians, he said, "This is what the gospel does." He wanted to have that in his church, too. So he invited Brother Tounger to come to his church and start a Sunday school.

Pastor Tounger took about 20 young people to the Greek Orthodox church with Sister Sophie Tounger as their teacher and started a Sunday school. It was a most impressive sight to see the Orthodox folks. As Sister Sophie began to expound the lesson, from all over the church people filed into the corridors and expressed amazement at the wonderful teaching that was going on. They thought she was an Orthodox and remarked as to how wonderfully the Word was being taught. Soon she was recognized, however, as the wife of the Assembly of God pastor and some members expressed displeasure with this arrangement. The next day Father Petropoulou telephoned Brother Tounger to say, "Nick, I would love to have you, but they brought pressure on me to abandon the project."

Even as in the days of the apostles, the Greeks are still longing for God. By nature they are a very religious people. We must not fail the Greek people in their desire to see Jesus, since it was through them we received the New Testament in the first place. They are sending us the Twentieth Century Macedonian call. How will you and I respond to this call?

Anyone wishing to respond to this appeal may send offerings to the Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., or Rev. Nick Tounger, 15th Ave., San Francisco 22, California.

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Joseph L. Gerhart, Representative

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